

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~A moving/guiding apparatus has X- and Y-direction movable bodies guided and moved in intersecting directions, arranged at vertically different positions, and restrained in a vertical direction, respectively, and an X-Y movable body guided vertically on a surface plate (11) and movable in moving directions of the X- and Y-direction movable bodies. A vacuum container is provided for accommodating these movable bodies. Actuators for driving the X-direction movable body (41) and Y-direction movable body (42) in the intersecting directions are set outside the vacuum container. The movable body (3) is driven in two intersecting directions upon reception of forces from guide surfaces in horizontal direction of the movable bodies (41, 42).~~

-- A moving/guiding apparatus includes a first movable body which moves in a first direction, a second movable body which moves in a second direction intersecting with the first direction, a third movable body guided to be movable on a surface plate, and driven in the first and second directions by receiving forces from the first and second movable bodies, a first actuator for driving the first movable body in a first direction, and a second actuator for driving the second movable body in the second direction. The first and second actuators are arranged outside of a container which accommodates the first, second and third moving bodies. --